

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please cancel all rejected claims 1-3, 10-12, 17-19, 24-28 and 31-38 as set forth in the "Listing of Claims".

Kindly place the application in a condition for allowance with the remaining allowed claims 4-6, 13, 14, 20, and 21.

CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A scanner system comprising an image scanner for scanning image data of an original and a control device for controlling the image scanner, wherein the control device includes:

first setting means for accepting input for setting a reading size of the original;

second setting means for accepting input for setting a direction of the original; and

scanning instruction means for designating a reading area of the original based on the inputs of the reading size and the direction of the original that have been accepted by the first and second setting means and outputting a scan execution instruction to the image scanner,

wherein the scanning instruction means includes

means for setting a scanning execution standby mode which accepts input for bringing an instruction for executing scanning of the original into a standby state, and

transmission means for transmitting the scan execution instruction that has been brought into the standby state to the image scanner, and

wherein the image scanner includes

receiving means for receiving the scan execution instruction that has been brought into the standby state from the transmission means, and

scan initiating means for releasing the scan execution instruction received by the receiving means from the standby state so as to initiate scanning of the original.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The scanner system according to claim 4, wherein the control device further includes

scanning condition setting means for accepting input of a condition in the image scanner, and

wherein the scanning instruction means designates the scanning condition and outputs a scan execution instruction.

Claim 6 (Original): The scanner system according to claim 5, wherein the image scanner includes scanning condition changing means for accepting input for changing the scanning condition that has been designated by the control device.

Claims 7-9 (Previously cancelled).

Claims 10-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A scanner driver which is to be installed in a computer connectable to an image scanner for scanning image data of an original in order to control

the image scanner with the computer, wherein upon loading of the scanner driver into the computer, the computer forms:

first setting means for accepting input for setting a reading size of the original;

second setting means for accepting input for setting a direction of the original; and

scanning instruction means for designating a reading area of the original based on the inputs of the reading size and direction of the original that have been accepted by the first and second setting means and outputting a scan execution instruction to the image scanner,

wherein the scanning instruction means includes:

means for setting a scanning execution standby mode which accepts input for bringing an instruction for executing scanning of the original into a standby state; and

transmission means for transmitting the scan execution instruction that has been brought into the standby state to the image scanner.

Claim 14 (Original): The scanner driver according to claim 13, wherein upon loading of the scanner driver into the computer, the computer further forms scanning condition setting means for accepting input for setting a scanning condition in the image scanner, and

the scanning instruction means designates the scanning condition and transmits a scan execution instruction.

Claims 15-16 (Previously cancelled).

Claim 17 –19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A recording medium which is readable by a computer, and which has a scanner driver saved therein, the scanner driver being installable in a computer connectable to an image scanner for scanning image data of an original in order to control the image scanner with the computer, wherein upon loading of the scanner driver into the computer, the computer forms:

first setting means for accepting input for setting a reading size of the original;

second setting means for accepting input for setting a direction of the original; and

scanning instruction means for designating a reading area of the original based on the inputs of the reading size and the direction of the original that have been accepted by the first and second setting means and outputting a scan execution instruction to the image scanner,

wherein the scanning instruction means includes:

means for setting a scanning execution standby mode which accepts input for bringing an instruction for executing scanning of the original into a standby state; and
transmission means for transmitting the scan execution instruction that has been brought into the standby state to the image scanner.

Claim 21 (Original): The recording medium according to claim 20, wherein upon loading of the scanner driver into the computer, the computer further forms scanning condition setting means for accepting input for setting a scanning condition in the image scanner, and the scanning instruction means designates the scanning condition and transmits a scan execution instruction.

Claims 22 and 23 (Previously canceled).

Claim 24 –28 (Cancelled).

Claim 29 and 30 (Previously canceled).

Claims 31-38 (Cancelled).